

IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: RICHARD S. PAIZ
Title: CONTINUOUS OPTIMIZATION AND STRATEGY EXECUTION
COMPUTER NETWORK SYSTEM AND METHOD
Atty Docket No.: 948-7

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
ORIGINAL UTILITY APPLICATION

The Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Box: PATENT APPLICATION
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

As the below-named inventor, I declare that the information given herein is true; that I believe that I am the original first and sole inventor of the invention entitled:

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which is described and claimed in the specification of the above-captioned application; that I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of

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America more than twelve months prior to this application; that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives, or assigns; and that I have never abandoned the invention.

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Robert J. Van Der Wall, Registration No. 28,125. Send correspondence to:

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As the below-named inventor, my full name and address is:

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and I am a citizen of the United States of America. My post office address is the same as my residence address.

I hereby declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of this application, including the claims. I acknowledge that I have a duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a).

Richard Paiz
RICHARD S. PAIZ

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DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.9(f)

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Dear Sir:

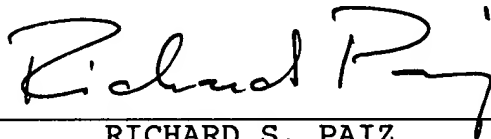
As the undersigned inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the above-identified invention.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and I am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d) or a non profit organization under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e).

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time

of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 C.F.R. 1.28(b)).

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge and belief are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title Eighteen of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patents issuing thereon.


RICHARD S. PAIZ

Dated: Feb 22, 2000